

Remarks

Claim 34, 115, and 116 are pending in the application. Claims 115 and 116 are new. Claim 34 has been amended. Support for the claim amendment and new claims can be found throughout the application, including the originally-filed claims. Importantly, no new matter has been added to the claims.

Moreover, the claim amendment should in no way be construed to be an acquiescence to any of the rejections. Rather, the amendment to the claim is being made solely to expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application. Consequently, Applicants expressly reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the instant or subsequent patent application. 35 U.S.C. §§ 120-121.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claim 34 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph based on the Examiner's contention that the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for any resin coating of the compounds of formula 1. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Solely to expedite prosecution of the application to allowance, claim 34 has been amended to include phenolic, epoxy, polyamide, and vinyl resins; resins that the Examiner states in the outstanding office action as being enabled.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 34 is enabled and request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection of claim 34.

Fees

Applicants believe no fee is due in connection with the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to our Deposit Account, **06-1448**.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

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